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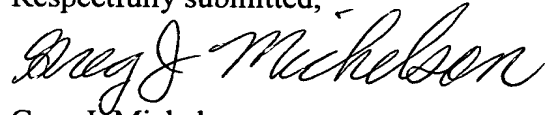
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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)								
	AQ	"Interferometric Encoder Techniques", by R. J. Tansey et al., January 8, 1988, pages 1-52						
	AR	"An Absolute Distance Interferometer Using A Dye Laser Heterodyne Interferometer And Spatial Separation Of Beams", Proceedings of SPIE – The International Society for Optical Engineering, Volume 429, Precision Surface Metrology, R. J. Tansey, August 23-24, 1983, pages 43-54						
	AS	U.S. patent application entitled "Heterodyne Lateral Grating Interferometric Encoder", given serial number 10/394,930, filed on 03/19/2003						
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